

THE LIFE AND WRITINGS

QUAKERS.—Delaware is essentially a Quaker State, the fragment of a religious sect which, there, in the other States, in England, are a homogeneous mass, acting with one mind, and that directed by the mother society in England. Dispersed, as the Jews, they still form, as those do, one nation, foreign to the land they live in. They are Protestant Jesuits, implicitly devoted to the will of their superiors, and forgetting all duties to their country in the execution of the policy of their order. When war is proposed in England they have religious scruples; but when with France, these are laid by, and they become clamorous for it. They are, however, silent, passive and give no other trouble than of whipping them along. (To Marquis de LaFayette, 1817. C. VII., 66.)

QUARTERING TROOPS.—His majesty has no right to land a single armed man on our shores, and these whom he sends here are liable to our laws made for the suppression and punishment of riots and unlawful assemblies; or are hostile bodies, invading us in defiance of law. He possesses, indeed, the executive power of the laws in every State, but they are the laws of the particular State which he is to administer within that State, and not those of any one within the limits of another. Every State must judge for itself the number of armed men which they may safely trust among them, of whom they are to consist, and under what restrictions they shall be laid. (From "A Summary View," 1774. F. I., 445.)

REBELLION.—The spirit of resistance to government is so valuable on certain occasions, that I wish it always to be kept alive. It will often be exercised when wrong, but better so than not to be exercised at all. I like a little rebellion now and then. It is like a storm in the atmosphere. (To^ Mrs. John Adams, written in Paris, 1787. F. IV., 370.)

REBELLION.—We have had thirteen independent States eleven years. There has been one rebellion. That comes to one rebellion in a century and a half for each State. What country before ever existed a century and a half without a rebellion? And what country can preserve its liberties if their rulers are not warned from time to time that their people preserve the